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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Greetings:

I just wanted to add my voice to the rising number of complaints against the proposed settlement the Department of Justice has tentatively reached with the Microsoft Corporation.

Keeping Microsoft in its current state will slow the pace of technology growth, and thereby the US economy if something isn't done. I can't understand how it was deemed necessary to break up the Phone Company monopoly but not the Operating System Monopoly.

This settlement will go a long way in smothering the free market in the Information Technology sector. Microsoft has demonstrated again and again predatory business practices aimed solely at keeping their software and operating systems at the top of the sales charts, but often at the bottom of the performance charts.

I strongly ask that this settlement be re-evaluated and that the Department of Justice consider splitting up this giant Monopoly and letting the free market choose the best product available.

Sincerely,

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"If the automobile had followed the same development cycle as the computer, a Rolls-Royce would today cost \$100, get a million miles per gallon, and explode once a year, killing everyone inside." - Robert X. Cringely